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Atty Docket No: 407T-895200US  
Client Ref: 99-219-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
  
**JOHN CLARK LAGARIAS**  
  
Application No.: **09/272,809**  
  
Filed: **03/19/1999**  
  
For: **PHYTOFLUORS AS FLUORESCENT LABELS.**

Examiner: J. Hines  
  
Art Unit: 1645

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.